

Monocacy Scenic River Board meeting  
January 6, 2016  
Frederick, Maryland

In attendance:

Jack Lynch (FC), Bill Hensley (FC), Sam Roop (FC), Jim Dertzbaugh (FC), Tim Goodfellow (FC), Pam Reppert (City of Frederick), Mona Becker (CC), Jim Wieprecht (CC), Chris Heyn (CC), Byron Madigan (CC).

Absent: George Grillon (CC), Bob Whiting (FC).

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Chairman Dertzbaugh called meeting to order.

Jim W. motioned to approved December 2015 meeting minutes. Seconded by Mona. Unanimous approval.

Chairman Dertzbaugh acknowledged and greeted the 10 or so audience members.

Jack Lynch presented his extensive research of the Sixes Bridge Dam proposed by the US Army Corps of Engineers in the late 1960's/early 1970's in the northern section of the River. Various reports from the 1950's and 1960's predicted water supply shortages for the Washington, DC metropolitan area within 40 – 50 years, so US Government agencies studied ways to capture more supply and to augment the flow of the Potomac River. One of many proposals was to create a large impoundment on the Monocacy River at Sixes Bridge Road. Jack's powerpoint presentation described the project's origin and study, the citizen advocacy against the project, public lobbying to local and federal officials in Congress, testimony at public hearings and other actions to stop the project. Some of Jack's take-away message from this historical event and story is that citizen advocacy can change things and that decision makers need to be fully informed and educated about all the issues on which they make decisions.

Tim reviewed the status of the River Plan update, discussing completed items and things to be completed. A review of the public parkland map followed, with edits described by Byron that include the depiction of just CC public parkland and not private or quasi-public land in CC. Tim also distributed the zoning maps that are proposed for inclusion in the Plan.

The January 2016 draft of the Plan was then distributed. Tim explained that the draft captured most, but not all, of the work completed to date. Tim reviewed each chapter, noting a few completed items that were not included in the draft. Jim W. suggested that commonalities between the Counties should be noted in the plan, as opposed to describing items for FC then for CC. The River Board agreed to hold a 3-hour meeting in February to allow for adequate time for detailed discussion/review of the chapter text and recommendations.

Mona stated that Jim Leightner from the CC Historical Society will soon provide edits and revisions to the Historical chapter addressing CC resources.

Bill suggested that the draft Plan should be made available primarily on-line for review and public input, instead of printing numerous copies of the Plan. Tim mentioned that the internal review and FC approval/adoption process for the Plan is still being determined.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55pm.  
Submitted by Tim Goodfellow